



## HAWES SELECTED AS STATEWIDE STAR

Governor **Mark Warner** recently honored DCE's **Joseph Hawes** for career achievement. Hawes, principal of Thunder Ridge High at Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center, received one of seven awards given statewide by the Governor in conjunction with Virginia's annual State Employee Appreciation Week, May 2-8. Hawes was nominated by DCE Superintendent **Walter McFarlane**.

"DCE needs principals and teachers who are willing to accept the most challenging positions,

and Joseph Hawes is one who has long answered that need," said Superintendent McFarlane in his nomination. "Mr. Hawes embodies the characteristics of an exemplary principal. He is reliable, energetic, supportive, and devoted to the agency. His teachers, staff, and peers respect him and hold him in high regard. His contributions are numerous and important to the desired educational goals." Mr. Hawes joined DCE as an academic teacher in September 1969, became the school's principal in 1979 and has served the school and students for 36 years.



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## AGENCY STARS SHINING BRIGHT

Besides naming Joe Hawes its Agency Star for Career Achievement, DCE gave six other awards during employee appreciation week.

### AGENCY STAR

**Lydia Vaughan** was named DCE's Agency Star for her ongoing efforts



as an academic instructor at the Reception and Diagnostic Center in

Bon Air where she is known for her dedication, teaching abilities, and professionalism. She strives to instill a love of reading in her students, usually older and physically larger young men. Mrs. Vaughan initiated a silent reading program and a mother/father read program so that her students who are also parents might encourage their children to read. "She is a very positive person, and the embodiment of good teaching," said her supervisor Annette Andrews.

### SAFETY AND HEALTH

**Ann Taylor** promotes health among her culinary arts students, ensures healthy meals for the staff at Virginia Correctional Center for Women and

otherwise promotes personal health using her own life as an example. In January 2004, she and her best friend **Wanda Miller** of the  
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**Ann Taylor**, DCE's Agency Star for Safety and Health, discusses her walking habits with two of her favorite walking buddies.

## Healthy Virginians: Walking With Governor Warner



### Nice Water Bottle

Before leading a casual stroll through downtown Richmond, Governor **Mark Warner** took a moment to speak to a throng of state employees and arm himself with a water supply.



### Walking and Talking

As part of his “Healthy Virginians” campaign, Governor **Mark Warner** has encouraged regular walking. DCE’s **Ann Taylor**, left, and her friend **Wanda Miller**, right, embraced the initiative. After Ms. Taylor wrote the Governor a letter thanking him for the initiative, he invited her and Mrs. Miller to join him for a walk. On a balmy day in February, they joined him and approximately 100 other state employees for a brisk walk downtown.



## Governor Receives DCE Student Art

Recently, Governor **Mark Warner** received a mask made by an art student at Blandford High School. The mask was made by a student under the tutelage of DCE's Ms. **Claudine Pond**. The mask was purchased by DJJ during the Expressions art show and presented to the Governor during DJJ's annual service awards luncheon on March 23.



## CEA Scenes

DCE made its presence known at the recent National CEA Conference in Annapolis, Maryland. Assistant Superintendent for Adult Programs **Judy Philpott**, left, tells those who attended the March conference about

DCE's cutting-edge efforts in providing literacy programs to Spanish-speaking inmates. **John Gregory** and **Gayle Hill**, bottom right, of J.T. Mastin High School deliver their presentation,

"Promoting Language and Learning Through Diverse Strategies." An interesting shot by **Dubois Miller**, top right, gives a bird's-eye view of the conference.



### Rare Documents Moved

With the recent closing of Barrett Juvenile Correctional Center and its Addison-Perkins High School, DCE and DJJ handed over a number of archival documents, photographs and materials to the Library of Virginia. Among the items was the school's first register, which showed the first student enrolling in 1918. From left to right are retired DCE employees **Frances Gwathmey** and **Gwendolyn Drayton** together with **Roger Christman**, **Page Neal** and **Jeff Snyder** of the Library of Virginia.

### \$4,000 Grant Boosts Library at J.T. Mastin High School

The National Home Library Foundation recently fully funded a grant proposal recently submitted by **Cindy S. Church**, State Library Coordinator.

"I am extremely excited for the newly matriculated female population at the Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center," Church said. Recently, all females in the juvenile correctional system were moved to the existing campus of BAJCC.

DCE offers a full high school curriculum at the facility's school, as well as GED preparation and testing, reading program, tutorial program, distance learning for future college courses and cognitive skills training.

The \$4,000 grant will purchase books and other items targeted towards female youth. These new materials will be kept in the library at Bon Air for all of the population to read.

### Students Tops on AP Test

Recently DCE students at John Henry Smyth High School scored at the top

of a nationally-administered advanced placement test in Latin. In a test given to 101 students around the United States, the DCE four scored first, second, third and fourth. The students are taught by Ms. **Aurora Mabrahtu**. "This is a commentary on the caliber of teachers we have amongst us," said College Bound Coordinator **Denwood Barksdale**. "It is proof that with the dedication we have, our students will go beyond the ordinary and into the extraordinary realms of life. This would not have been accomplished without a dedicated teacher. Ms. Mabrahtu is to be commended for her outstanding effort."





### Combined Virginia Campaign Honors DCE for High Participation

DCE has won the CVC's Pinnacle Award for outstanding agency participation. DCE boasted a 42 percent participation which nearly doubles the statewide average. DCE contributed \$18,325 to the recently completed campaign. Pictured are **Sandra Moss**, DCE's Campaign Chairperson and DCE's Campaign Coordinator, **Eddie Weeks** receiving the award from the Director of the Department of Human Resource Management, **Sara R. Wilson**.

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### Principals Get VITAL Training

Recently, youth school principals participated in DCE's Virginia Initiative for Technology Administrative Leadership (VITAL) workshop. The VITAL project is an ongoing professional development activity for principals. VITAL fosters

the technology leadership skills that principals need in today's changing learning environment. Participants learn to plan for technology, review existing technologies used by DCE teachers and students, evaluate the integration of technology in the

classroom, and support professional development opportunities that enhance the instructional technology skills of teachers. Principals are awarded ongoing certification for participation in the program. VITAL is facilitated by **Susan M. Clair**, Director of Instructional Technology.



From left to right first row:

**William Stephens III**, Cedar Mountain,  
**Jesse Jones**, Blandford Annex,  
**Grace Anderson-Hawkins**, Crockford,  
 Left to right back row:

**Miguel Lopes**, Mastin & Mastin Annex,  
**Joe Hawes**, Thunder Ridge,  
**George Drewry**, Smyth,  
**Michael Hall**, Blandford,  
**Cynthia Smith-Williams** (absent)  
 Blandford Annex.

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Department of Corrections (DOC) began walking for health. As a result, they have become, in the words of Governor **Mark Warner**, “poster children” for his Healthy Virginians campaign. In February 2005, the Governor asked Ms. Taylor and her friend to join him and many other state employees in a stroll along Richmond’s scenic canal walk.

### TEAMWORK

As co-chairs of DCE’s Staff Advisory Council, **Jay Truex** and **Arlene Zuzick-Green** are a cohesive team who work exceptionally well together to ensure each school in the Department of Correctional Education has equal and fair representation in matters relating directly to the efficiency and operation of the agency. They lead not only in areas of staff development, academic and vocational programs and technology, but also coordinate and participate in outreach and community activities such as the Special Olympics.



### CUSTOMER SERVICE

In the past year, DCE Principal **Grace Hawkins** of Hamilton Crockford High School has earned accolades from Virginia Commonwealth University for her efforts to accommodate VCU student-tutors. DCE students have long enjoyed the program, which provides them with tutors from the VCU undergraduate ranks. More recently, and in part due to the outstanding work of people like Mrs. Hawkins, the program has become enormously popular at VCU, so much so that in January an overflow number of tutors enrolled. Rather than turn them away, Mrs. Hawkins allowed them to tutor at her school. This reflects Mrs. Hawkins commitment to those she serves – the VCU tutors, her DCE staff, and the DCE students.





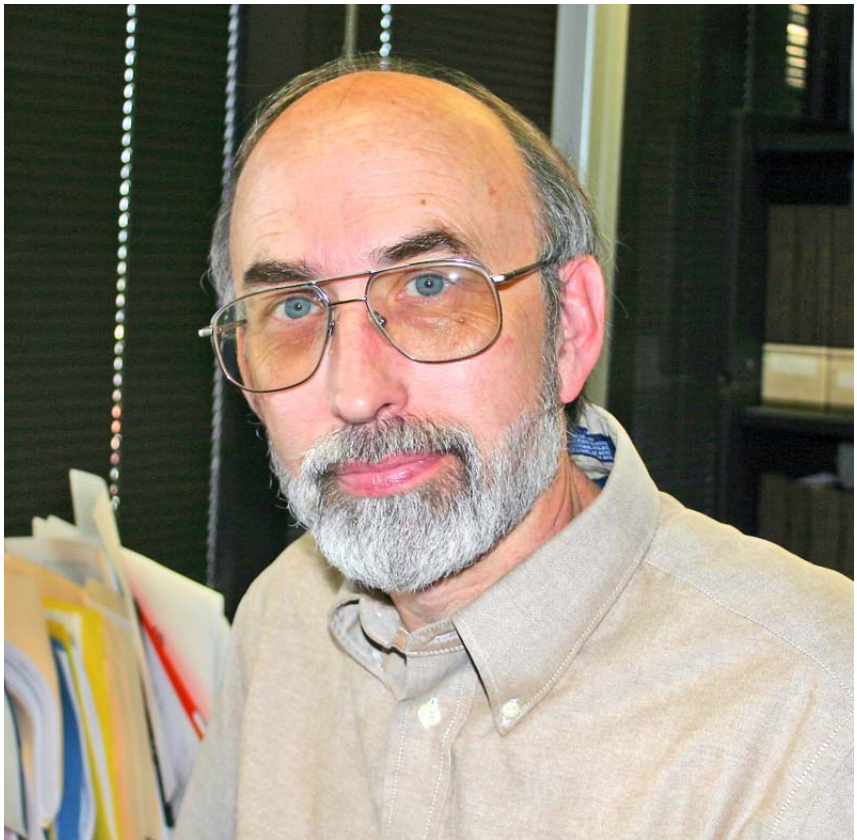


## COMMUNITY SERVICE

To quote **Willie Thomas'** supervisor at Baskerville Correctional Center, "You can't say enough good things about the man. He arrives early and stays late. He is the lead teacher at his school and his contributions are extraordinary." Members of the surrounding community would agree with the assessment offered by Principal **Paul Dianis**. Mr. Thomas, a Vietnam veteran who earned a Purple Heart, is best known these days for his service as a hard-working masonry instructor who touches localities with projects that benefit both his students and the nearby communities of South Hill, Brunswick and Mecklenburg. Each of the following of Mr. Thomas' more notable and recent live-work projects were built for different area public schools including: a sports equipment storage building, concrete bleachers, a field house, a weight room and dugouts.

## INNOVATION

**Wayne Bennett** has been innovative based on his ability to recognize issues that impact program operations and then implement, either directly or through his immediate staff, resolutions that allow the Career and Technical Education programs to operate to a high degree of performance. His creativity and drive have saved the Commonwealth a considerable amount of money and generally improved DCE's performance. He has twice been honored with the agency's Outstanding Employee Award - first in 1996 then again in 2002. Mr. Bennett is the first person in the award's 10-year history to win this honor twice.



## Joseph Hawes, Virginia's Star in Career Achievement



### Speaking of Corrections:

**Joseph Hawes**, left, won one of seven awards given statewide during Employee Appreciation Week in May. Here, he shares a moment with another winner, Captain **Patrick Gee** of the Department of Corrections. Captain Gee, who works at Sussex State Prison, won the statewide award for Community Service.



### Three Amigos:

**Joseph Hawes**, center, shares a lighter moment with DCE Superintendent **Walter McFarlane**, left, and DCE Deputy Superintendent, **James Davis**.

**Boo RAH!:** The Governor's Chief of Staff **William Leighty**, a Marine, gives **Joseph Hawes** a Marine-style cheer during ceremonies to honor his selection for a statewide honor to acknowledge his dedication and years of service.





## Mike Holson Receives Hunter Safety Award



The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries recently honored **Mike Holson**, a vocational instructor at Fluvanna Correctional Center, for his outstanding contributions as a volunteer. Holson, who serves as a hunter education instructor, was chosen from more than 1,000 DGIF volunteers to receive the William Dixon Morgan Memorial Award by the DGIF Outdoor Education program. "He is an outstanding example of a volunteer who has committed a tremendous amount of time, energy, and skill to hunter education," said Lt. David Dodson, DGIF regional coordinator for the Fredericksburg area. From left to right are: **Karen Holson**, **Linda Mays**, **Magdelaine Morgan**, **Michael Holson**, and **Sandy Spencer**.

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## VAACE Honors Sandy Parker

The Virginia Association for Adult and Continuing Education recently honored DCE's **Sandy Parker** with a Distinguished Service Award. This is the third time VAACE has given the award to Ms. Parker, a 20-year member of the organization and its immediate past president. VAACE serves the professional interests and learning needs of Virginia's adult and continuing education practitioners. VAACE members are active in Adult Basic Education, GED, and ESOL in city and county adult school programs, extension services, government, workplace, health services, higher education, correctional education and nonprofit organizations.

## Changes



**Carol Brown** has been named DCE's Assistant State Supervisor for Career and Technical Education Programs. She previously served as a Business Education Instructor at J.T. Mastin High School.



DCE's Research Specialist **Jason Piccone** recently earned his doctorate in social psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University.



**Angie Templeton** recently left Blandford Annex to join DCE's Finance Division as an Accountant.



**Belinda Friday** has been named Deputy Superintendent for Adult Operations.



**E. Florence Powers** has returned to DCE as a Recruiter/Trainer.



**Margaret Howard** now serves as the Program Support Technician for Adult Operations. She had been at Addison-Perkins High School.



**Mike Salyer** has been named DCE's Training and Development Coordinator. He leaves his position as an Optical Technology Instructor at Coffeewood Correctional Center to assume the position previously held by **Mike Duke**.

## Upcoming Retirements

June 1:

**Henry Tilley**, Smyth High School, Hanover Juvenile Correctional Center, 10 yrs 7 months.

July 1:

**Francis Abernathy**, Deerfield Correctional Center, 22 yrs 10 months.

**Raymond Cooper**, Southampton Correctional Center, 26 yrs 8 months

**Lucile Mickens**, 34 yrs 10 months, Virginia Correctional Center for Women



## DCE Takes the Plunge for Special Olympics



**Murray Ellison**, DCE Special Olympics Coordinator, receives a recognition plaque from **Gene Johnson**, DOC Director and **Roy Zeidman**, Virginia Special Olympics Director, for serving on the Statewide DOC/DCE Planning Committee .



Recently DCE Superintendent, **Walter McFarlane**, right, joined DCE administrators **Seward McGhee** and **Chris Colville** in a gold tournament to benefit the Special Olympics.

On Saturday February 5, four brave DCE employees and some family and friends took the Polar Plunge in the icy Atlantic Ocean raising \$2500 for Special Olympics. The DCE employees were **Arlene Zuzick**, **Chris Colville**, **Anna Ferrell**, **Elizabeth Jones** and Christopher Brown (son of **Janeen Brown**).

Shirts and hats will be available for sale through Central Office beginning May 1.

We are also selling Raffle Tickets for \$5 each for a 50 inch Sony plasma TV and stereo surround system, to be given away at the VCA Conference in October.

DCE will also raffle off other items made in vocational shops, at the VACE Conference in August. We are still seeking additional DCE shop made donations from the schools.

**Chris Colville** and **Arlene Zuzick** will lead the DCE contingency of the Torch Run on Friday, June 10 in the Richmond area. There is an opportunity for others in DCE to run 10 miles in the morning and/or to join the final leg into University of Richmond Stadium at 6 pm, to participate in the lighting of the Torch and opening activities. Opportunities are also available for volunteers to help the disabled athletes in the State Finals at University of Richmond Stadium on Saturday, June 11. Call **Murray Ellison** at (804) 786-4383 for more info on any of the above topics. Our DCE goal, with all of your help is to raise at least \$5,000 for Special Olympic athletes in 2005!

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## Important Dates

### Date

### Event

June 10, 2005, 9:30 a.m.	J. H. Smyth Graduation
June 15, 2005, 10:00 a.m.	Nottoway Graduation
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June 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m.	Cedar Mountain Graduation
June 17, 2005, 11:00 a.m.	Thunder Ridge Graduation
June 24, 2005	Outstanding Employee Luncheon
July 19, 2005	Virginia School Board Conference
August 6, 2005	ACA National Conference, Baltimore
August 12, 2005	Sussex II Graduation
August 24, 2005	VACE Conference begins
August 31, 2005	Youth School Convocation
September 15, 2005, 9 a.m.	Bland Graduation
September 16, 2005, 11 a.m.	Powhatan Graduation
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